

COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – October 7, 2025
Via Zoom

Commissioners Present: Marcie Bellicitti, Chair
Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay, Vice Chair
Stephen Betts
Victoria Burton Burke
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Diana Traub
Karen Guldan
Andrew Cain (*virtual*)
Deryk Clark
Kevin Rudich

Commissioners Absent: Howard Pomerantz, Secretary
Patrick Lopez-Aguado
Neha Parthasarathi
Michelle Wu

Also Present: Kara Garasky, Superior Court
Honorable Andrea Flint, Superior Court
Maisy Morrison, BHSD
Violeta Garcia, BHSD
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Vone Kegarice, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Etelvina Alvarez, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Daniel Cortez, Probation Department
Jill Ugalde, Probation Department
Liwei Wei, Probation Department
Dolores Morales, Probation Department
Maria Yakoub, SCCOE
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Eugene Santillan, SCCOE
Ana Reyes, SCCOE
Alex Adams, DAO
Jonathan Mosby, PDO
Lana Kreidie, IDO
Ruth Maurice, Victim Offender Mediation
Lanphuong Le, Medical Services
Captain Nqui Scherry, SJPd

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Bellicitti called the meeting to order at 12:18pm.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved by all Commissioners present.

- Amendment to add Commissioner BurtonBurke's reappointment.

Swearing In: Honorable Andrea Flint administered the oath of office to Victoria BurtonBurke as Juvenile Justice Commissioner in Santa Clara County with a term ending November 2029.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: September 2, 2025 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

Chair's Report: Chair Bellicitti reported on the following:

- JJC will have a vacancy—contact Commissioner Guldán for recruitment.
- JJC annual report was approved and is on the website.
- James Ranch and SYTF inspection is underway.
- JJC continues to be mindful of the two Civil Grand Jury reports.
- Chair Bellicitti attended Latino Health Summit on 9/22.

Presiding Judge: Judge Flint reported on the following:

- Judges will conduct James Ranch and Juvenile Hall inspections soon.
- Judge Flint will take over Juvenile Supervising Judge in Jan 2026.

Dependency Court: Judge Bali reported on the following:

- Dependency Court numbers continue to be very high.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): No one present to report.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): No one present to report.

Victim Offender Mediation: Ruth Maurice had nothing new to report.

Alternative Schools Department: Eugene Santillan reported on the following:

- Community schools moving to an alternative site just for this year.
- SCC School Board Association reached out to display student artwork at Fall dinner event.
- Commissioner Rudich asked: What is the reason for the move?
 - Eugene: South county community school moved out of the annex in Gilroy because the district wanted that facility back for their own use. Community school moved to Brownell. Sunol school moved temporarily due to disruptive construction.

Maria Yakoub reporting on the following:

- Osborne students have been working on a mural.
- Brighter Days completed violence prevention course with students.
- 10 students currently enrolled in intro to business college course.

Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Culinary arts program offered.

- 11 students participating in the LIUNA program.
- Vice Chair Sirkay asked: Are we tracking the employment status of youth after they leave?
 - Eugene: We are in the process of hiring a registrar so we can collect more information about students after they graduate.

Department of Family and Children's Service (DFCS): No one present to report.

Probation Department: Jill Ugalde reported on the following:

- Telemundo came in and did a piece on juvenile justice to highlight the work done at JPD.
 - Airing on channel 48, 10/18 at 2:55pm.

Frank Nesci reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Current population: 35
 - 4 LIFT
- Held cultural art contest.
- Two youth participated in Latino Health Summit.
- Some youth are building wooden benches for Parks and Rec Department.
- Approved to move forward with beekeeping project.

Trina Gauthier reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Current population: 67 (62 male, 5 female)
 - 21 SYTF
- 21 part-time extra help staff completing core training currently.
- 21 students enrolled in college classes.
 - 11 fully enrolled in college.
- Welcomed Indian Health Center to share some education with the youth.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles had nothing new to report.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- Flu season has started—offering flu vaccine to youth.
- Currently zero Covid cases in the facilities.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Captain Scherry has nothing new to report.

District Attorney's Office: Alex Adams reported on the following:

- Stacey Capps will be moving to a different assignment, and Paul Jhin will be coming back.

Public Defender's Office: Jonathan Mosby had nothing new to report.

Alternate Defender's Office: No one present to report.

Independent Defenders Office: Lana Kreidie has nothing new to report.

- Dana Fite new lead attorney.
- Onboarded new attorney.
- Attended statewide training for Juvenile defenders.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Bellicitti adjourned to Executive Session at 12:48p.m. The next meeting will take place on November 4, 2025 via Zoom. Participants are also welcome to attend in person in the Independence Conference Room on the ground floor of 353 West Julian Street, San Jose.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Vega